PROGRAM FOR PRIVATE JOB PLACEMENT SERVICES

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Executing agency:

Asociación Mutual Israelita Argentina [Jewish Community Association of Argentina] (AMIA).

Beneficiaries:

The beneficiaries of the Program will include: (i) jobless and underemployed workers in metropolitan Buenos Aires and four other cities in; (ii) enterprises, particularly microenterprises and small businesses, which will benefit from lower transaction costs incurred in finding workers to meet their requirements; and (iii) training institutions, which will improve the relevance and quality of their courses so that they can better meet the requirements of the productive sector.

Financing: MIF (Facility II): US\$1,730,000

Counterpart funding: <u>US\$1,730,000</u> US\$3,460,000

Terms: Execution period: 36 months

Disbursement period: 42 months

Objectives: The overall objective of the program is to help ensure more effective

linkage between supply and demand in the labor markets of metropolitan Buenos Aires and four other Argentine cities through private-sector job placement services. Its specific objective is to improve the coverage and efficiency of employment services offered by the Asociación Mutual Israelita Argentina [Jewish Community Association of Argentina] (AMIA), by systematizing and strengthening a model of its Job Training and Placement Center (CODLA) and transferring it to other areas of metropolitan Buenos

Aires and the country.

Description: Upon completion, the program is expected to have improved job

placement services by more effectively linking the supply and demand for labor through development and use of: (i) modern computer and management tools; (ii) employment counseling, vocational guidance and job placement services for workers; and (iii) techniques to help

job seekers find employment on their own.

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Special contractual clauses:

As a condition precedent to the first disbursement, the AMIA must submit evidence to the Bank that the technical coordinator of the Executing Unit has been selected. As a condition precedent to initiation of the second component, the AMIA must submit evidence to the Bank's satisfaction that cooperation agreements have been signed between the AMIA and the institutions that will participate in the program as CODLA sites. These agreements must list the specific commitments and responsibilities of the CODLA sites as program participants (see paragraph 8.1).

Exceptions to Bank policy:

None.